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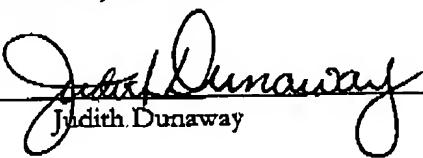
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of : Rahdert et al.. Examiner: Unknown
Serial No. : 10/676,729 Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed : 1 October 2003
For : Devices, systems, and Methods for Retaining a Native Heart Valve Leaflet

REQUEST FOR CORRECTED FILING RECEIPT

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Enclosed is a copy of the official filing receipt issued in the above matter.

Applicant requests the Patent Office to issue a new, corrected Filing Receipt in the above matter as follows:

Amend the data under Domestic Priority Data as Claimed by Applicant as follows:

This appln claims benefit of 09/666,617 09/20/2000
and claims benefit of 60/326,590 10/01/2001
and claims benefit of 60/429,444 11/26/2002
and claims benefit of 60/429,709 11/26/2002
and claims benefit of 60/429,462 11/26/2002

Insert the following data under Foreign Applications:

PCT/US02/31376 10/01/2002

A copy of the Declaration/Power of Attorney filed in this application and confirming this information is attached.

Please issue a corrected filing receipt bearing the corrected information as outlined above.
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PATENT

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**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
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CONTINUATION OR CIP)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is of the following type: (check one applicable item below)

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Type of Application: (check one applicable item below)

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INVENTORSHIP IDENTIFICATION

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

TITLE OF INVENTION

Devices, Systems, and Methods for Retaining a Native Heart Valve Leaflet

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

the specification of which: (complete (a), (b) or (c))

(a) is attached hereto.

(b) was filed on 1 October 2003 as Serial No. 10/676,729
or Express Mail No., as Serial No. not yet known _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

NOTE: Amendments filed after the original papers are deposited with the PTO which contain new matter are not accorded a filing date by being referred to in the declaration. Accordingly, the amendments involved are those filed with the application papers or, in the case of a supplemental declaration, are those amendments claiming matter not encompassed in the original statement of invention or claims. See 37 CFR 1.67.

(c) was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. _____
filed on _____ and as amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if any).

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REVIEW OF PAPERS AND DUTY OF CANDOR

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56

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- [] In compliance with this duty there is attached an information disclosure statement in accordance with 37 CFR 1.98.

PRIORITY CLAIM (35 U.S.C. § 119)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT International application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

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- (d) [] no such applications have been filed.
 (e) [x] such applications have been filed as follows.

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A. PRIOR FOREIGN/PCT APPLICATION(S) FILED WITHIN
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 35 U.S.C. S 119

COUNTRY (OR INDICATE IF PCT)	APPLICATION NUMBER	DATE OF FILING (day, month, year)	PRIORITY CLAIMED UNDER 37 USC 119	
PCT	PCT/US02/31376	1 October 2002	[] YES	NO []
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ALL FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED MORE THAN 12 MONTHS
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I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. (List name and registration number)

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NOTE: Carefully indicate the family (or last) name as it should appear on the filing receipt and all other documents.

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[x] Added page to combined declaration and power of attorney for US Priority Claim

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**ADDED PAGE TO COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR US PRIORITY CLAIM**

CLAIM FOR BENEFIT OF EARLIER U.S./PCT APPLICATION(S) UNDER 35 U.S.C. 120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, S 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America that is/are listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in that/those prior application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, S 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to the examination of this application, namely, information where there is substantial likelihood that a reasonable Examiner would consider it important in deciding whether to allow the application to issue as a patent, which occurred between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

**PRIOR U.S. APPLICATIONS OR PCT INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS
DESIGNATING THE U.S. FOR BENEFIT UNDER 35 USC 120:**

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U.S. APPLICATIONS	U.S. FILING DATE	Patented	Pending	Abandoned
1.09/668,617	20 September 2000			
2.60/326,590	1 October 2001			
3.60/429,444	26 November 2002			
4.60/429,709	26 November 2002			
5.60/429,462	26 November 2002			

PCT APPLICATIONS DESIGNATING THE U.S.

PCT APPLICATION NO.	PCT FILING DATE	U.S. SERIAL NOS. ASSIGNED (if any)
6. PCT/US02/31375	1 October 2002	
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35 USC 119 PRIORITY CLAIM, IF ANY, FOR ABOVE LISTED U.S./PCT APPLICATIONS

**DETAILS OF FOREIGN APPLICATION FROM WHICH PRIORITY APPLICATION
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